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**Subject:** 03-YOL-16 Closing Report

On January 26, 2016, Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC) Office was notified by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) that 25 dead turkeys had been found in an orchard from phosphine exposure.

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Yolo CAC reviewed all Restricted Materials Permits (RMPs), Pesticide Use Reports (PURs), and Notice of Intent (NOIs) near the site where the turkeys were found but could not identify where the turkeys could have ingested the phosphine. The investigation is now closed and no further action will be taken.

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PRIORITY EPISODE NUMBER 03-YOL-16	NOTIFICATION DATE 01/27/2016	DATE OF OCCURRENCE 1/26/2016	-002
BRAND NAME OF PESTICIDE/ACTIVE INGREDIENT	REGISTRATION NUMBER FROM LABEL	RESTRICTED USE?	
Zinc Phosphide/Phosphine	Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (Continue on page 2, if necessary):

On January 26, 2016, the Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC) Office was notified by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) that 25 dead turkeys had been found in an orchard. DFW provided a laboratory analysis that revealed the birds had levels of phosphine which DFW believed to be the cause of death.

Yolo CAC went out to Fong Farms, a certified organic grower and the location of where the turkeys were found dead. Three turkeys remained in various states of decay. No samples were taken for analysis. Yolo CAC could not find any indications of a rodenticide application on the property and, after interviewing the owner, documented there is no use of rodenticides on that property.

Yolo CAC reviewed pesticide use reports (PURs) and Notice of Intent (NOIs) for all Restricted Materials Permits (RMPs) within a five mile radius of Fong Farms. While two of the RMPs do have aluminum phosphide and zinc phosphide listed on their permits, no PURs or NOIs were submitted to indicate use. Headquarters inspections were conducted on each of the growers that yielded no rodenticides had been used in the past two years.

Yolo CAC reviewed all of the evidence and could not determine the location where the 25 turkeys could have ingested phosphine bait pellets. This investigation is now closed. No further action will be taken.

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**PESTICIDE EPISODE CLOSING REPORT**

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, CONTINUED (Continue on supplemental form DPR-ENF-116, if necessary):

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTY DETAILS (See CA Pesticide Priority Episode Handling Manual):

N/A

OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION:

☐ COMPLIANCE ACTION: N/A

☐ REFERRAL: N/A

☐ PENDING: N/A

INVESTIGATION CONSIDERATIONS / IMPACTS / EFFECTS:

PUBLIC HEALTH	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
GROUND WATER	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
ENDANGERED SPECIES	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
PRODUCT REGISTRATION	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
CANCELLED / SUSPENDED PESTICIDE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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